

A CHARTER RESOLUTION
OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK,
MARYLAND, AMENDING ARTICLE XI, § C11-6 “SPECIAL TAXING
DISTRICTS” TO AUTHORIZE A SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT TO FINANCE
THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS TO ENHANCE POLICE, FIRE
PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES

A Charter Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, adopted pursuant to the authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 edition, as amended); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of College Park desire to enhance police, fire and rescue services in the City; and

WHEREAS, Article 23A, §44 authorizes the City Council to establish special taxing districts for specific purposes, including to finance the capital and operating costs to enhance police, fire protection and rescue services; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have previously adopted § C11-6 to authorize the creation of special taxing districts; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of College Park desire to amend the City Charter to enable the establishment of a district to finance the capital and operating costs to enhance police, fire protection and rescue services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland, that:

Section 1. Article XI, § C11-6 of the Charter of the City of College Park is repealed, re-enacted and amended to read as follows:

§ C11-6. Special Taxing Districts.

A. Establishment, taxes, administration.

(1) Authority and purpose. Pursuant to Article 23A, §44 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the City of College Park may establish Special Taxing Districts for the purpose of financing the design, construction, establishment, extension, alteration or acquisition of adequate storm drain systems; for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition establishment, improvement, extension, operation or alteration of public parking facilities or pedestrian malls; for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition, erection, construction, improvement and maintenance of street and area lighting; FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING COSTS TO ENHANCE POLICE, FIRE PROTECTION AND RESCUE SERVICES; for the purpose of financing the activities of commercial management authorities; for the purpose of financing the design, acquisition, establishment, equipping, improvement, extension, operation, alteration or maintenance of public bus or ride sharing systems; and to levy on all real and personal property, within the districts, an ad valorem tax at a rate sufficient to provide adequate annual revenues to pay the principal and interest on any bonds or obligations of the City issued for these purposes as the principal and interest become due, and to pay the costs of operating and maintaining these facilities.

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Section 2. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Charter Resolution is adopted this _____ day of _____, 2013, and that the amendment to the Charter of the City of College Park, hereby proposed by this enactment, shall be and become effective upon the fiftieth (50th) day after its passage by the City unless petitioned to referendum in accordance with Article 23A §13 of the Annotated Code of Maryland

within forty (40) days following its passage. A complete and exact copy of this Charter Resolution shall be posted in the City offices located at 4500 Knox Road, College Park, Maryland for forty (40) days following its passage by the Mayor and Council and a fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall be published in a newspaper having general circulation in the City not less than four (4) times, at weekly intervals, also within the forty (40) day period following its adoption by the City.

Section 3. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, within ten (10) days after the Charter Resolution hereby enacted becomes effective, either as herein provided or following referendum, the City Manager for the City of College Park shall send separately, by mail, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service, to the Department of Legislative Services, one copy of the following information concerning the Charter Resolution: (i) the complete text of this Resolution; (ii) the date of referendum election, if any, held with respect thereto; (iii) the number of votes cast for and against this Resolution by the Council of the City of College Park or in the referendum; and (iv) the effective date of the Charter Resolution.

Section 4. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Manager of the City of College Park, Maryland, be, and hereby is specifically enjoined and instructed to carry out the provisions of Sections 2 and 3 as evidence of compliance herewith; and said City Manager shall cause to be affixed to the minutes of this meeting (i) an appropriate Certificate of Publication of the newspaper in which the fair summary of the Charter Resolution shall have been published; and (ii) certification of the mailing referred to in Section 3 and shall further cause to be completed and executed the Municipal Charter or Annexation Resolution Registration Form.

INTRODUCED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the 12th day of March, 2013.

ADOPTED by the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park, Maryland at a regular meeting on the _____ day of _____ 2013.

EFFECTIVE the _____ day of _____, 2013.

ATTEST:

Janeen S. Miller, CMC, City Clerk

**THE CITY OF COLLEGE PARK,
MARYLAND**

By _____
Andrew M. Fellows, Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:**

Suellen M. Ferguson, City Attorney